

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-BRITISH COOPERATION FOR FIGHTING TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Britain has offered help to India to deal with terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (c) Government of India has not sought the assistance of either the U.K or any other country to deal with terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Government have only sought to highlight to the international community, Pakistan's role in aiding and abetting cross-border terrorism.

India and the U.K have been cooperating closely to counter the menace of international terrorism especially under the framework of the Joint Working Group on International Terrorism and Drug Trafficking. In March this year, under the provisions of their Terrorism Act 2000, the British Government proscribed six major terrorist groups operating in India. In recent months, UK also froze assets of individuals and entities, which are 'believed to have committed or pose a significant risk of committing or providing material support for acts of terrorism'.

The changed international environment after the terrorist attacks in USA on 11 September have led the U.K to urge for the complete elimination of the threat posed by international terrorism. UK believes in the need for sustained pressure on those States that support, harbor or act in complicity with international terrorist groups. UK condemns all terrorism, and that includes terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. Government is appreciative of U.K's position.